

HCS HB 1729 -- FERTILIZERS AND SOIL CONDITIONERS

SPONSOR: Reiboldt

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass with Amendments" by the Standing Committee on Agriculture Policy by a vote of 14 to 3. Voted "Do Pass with HCS" by the Select Committee on Agriculture by a vote of 9 to 2.

This substitute prohibits any political subdivision from adopting or enforcing any ordinance, rule, or regulation relating to the labeling, cultivation, or other use of fertilizers or soil conditioners as such terms are defined in Sections 266.291 and 266.361, RSMo, respectively. The provisions of this bill do not apply to any ordinance, rule, or regulation enacted prior to January 1, 2016.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that this bill would ensure that all residents of Missouri have the same ability to use fertilizers on their crops and fields. Political subdivisions are already prohibited from adopting ordinances, rules, or regulations relating to pesticides. This would do the same for fertilizers.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Reiboldt; Missouri Agribusiness Association; Missouri Farm Bureau; Missouri Corn Growers Association; and the Missouri Soybean Association.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.